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OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.
Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Mississippi College, Sustenance of Aged Ministers Home Uses.

DECEMBER.

CURIA.—Listen, O Isles, unto me! Missionaries, 24; churches and stations, 3; baptisms, 150; membership, 2,322; Sunday Schools, 7; scholars, 1,000.

STRIVING TOPICS.—Cuba's need of the Gospel. Providential beginnings. Providential guidance. Magnificent results. Work yet to be done. Hindrance to be overcome. Strategic points.

SOME HELPFUL NOTES.

Not long since I made a visit to Palestine—the Holy Land that was made sacred by the footsteps of Jesus, but the Palestine of Hinds county, where the sainted Woodall and his godly wife labored for twenty years, and where also for twenty years the faithful Pettigrew has been dispensing the bread of life. The occasion was the convening of the Central Baptist Association, and I have wondered why there was no report in THE RECORD of that harmonious meeting. It seems unjust to pass over in silence those sweet, gospel sermons to which we listened, those thrilling speeches that stirred our souls and the noble generosity of those good people who entertained us so kindly and so sumptuously. Our home was with our relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ragan. They made our stay so pleasant that the time seemed like a sweet verse in our lives, and the recollection of it will be as a strain of music floating through the chambers of our hearts. The Preer's, Stevensons, Brice's and others, entertained their guests also in a princely style and made them feel they had the best of homes.

The work of the Association was carried on smoothly and pleasantly under the direction of W. T. Ralston, and while great crowds thronged the sanctuary, they were remarkably quiet and attentive. I did not take up my thought pen to tell you of these things, but to relate to the girls an incident that came under my observation. After most of the crowd had withdrawn from the church, I was standing near the door when I noticed a middle-aged matron who seemed hesitating about going down the steps. A young girl was standing by her side and I heard her say, "Come, mamma, I will help you down." I observed that the mother was lame and I stepped down to her side and asked her to allow me to assist her also. When she reached the ground she turned to me with a sweet smile and said, "I have been paralyzed five years, I was helpless and this dear child has had to take care of me and do all the work. During all these years she has been my stay, my comfort and my joy." I wanted to tell her to my heart and tell her how much I admired her, but she was a stranger and I did not. The mother then asked for her walking stick but some one had removed it and it could not be found. She seemed much troubled as to how she would get to the door, but the young girl, cheerfully, said, "Lean on me, I will be your stick." Then they passed out of sight but the memory remains with me still, and that bright young face haunts me like a dream. I wonder if all the girls who read this page are kind to their mothers. I am afraid there are some in this community who would not have acted, thus, and I do not mean to say either that the Antioch girls are worse than others but the complaint is all over the land that in this age, children are so disrespectful to parents. Of course there is some defect in the training, but I think there are other circumstances that assist in bringing about this sad condition.

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